

REMARKS

Applicant's attorney acknowledges the indication of the allowability of claims 1 - 11 upon amendment to overcome the rejections under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. In accordance with the Examiner's comments and suggestions, the specification and claims have been amended to place the application in condition for allowance. For convenience, these matters are discussed below in the same order as presented in the Office action.

The election of claims 1- 11 of Group I is confirmed herein without traverse. Claims 12 and 13 have been canceled from the application.

Newly presented claims 14 - 17 are product by process claims which depend directly or indirectly from method claim 11.

Newly presented claims 18- 22 are apparatus claims specific to production unit drum and conveyor configurations.

Prior to discussing the specific matters raised in the action, it is noted that the specification has been amended at page 3 to change -breaking- strength to "tensile" strength. The same terminology is used in the claims.

In accordance with the Examiner's comments in paragraphs 4 and 5 of the action, the Abstract of the Disclosure has been amended to narrative form and contains less than 150 words in a single paragraph. The abstract describes the disclosure of the invention in conventional terminology and avoids the use of legal phraseology, such as the term "said", often used in patent claims.

As noted in paragraph 6 of the action, the application has been amended at page 4 to include a brief description of figure 6. In addition, customary headings have been inserted at pages 1 and 4 of the application.

The rejections of claims 1 - 11 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, have been overcome by amendment. The various rejections are discussed below.

In claim 1, line 2, "a" perforated lateral surface is now recited as suggested by the Examiner.

Claim 1, line 5, has been amended to recite "means for creating a partial vacuum". Similar amendments have been made at line 12 of claim 1 and in claim 4.

In claim 1, line 11, "both compartments" is now recited.

In claim 2, line 1, the term "it" has been changed to "the drum".

Claim 2, line 7, has been amended to delete "the sleeve" and to refer to -the holed roll- as recited in claim 1.

Claim 5, line 6, has been amended to recite "the second compartment".

Claim 6, line 5, has been amended to recite "the second compartment".

Claim 8, line 3, has been amended to recite "a conveyor".

The preamble in each of claims 9 and 10 has been amended to refer to the "production unit" as recited in parent claim 8.

Claim 9 has been amended to recite that the conveyor is tangential to the drum.

Claim 10 has been amended to recite "drawing of the nonwoven material".

Claim 11 has been amended to substantially conform it to US claim style. To that end, the claim now recites a series of positive steps. The claim has been further amended to delete reference to "about tangential conveyor" and now recites - the conveyor- as set forth in the parent claim 8.

For all the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the rejection set forth in

paragraph 8 of the action are overcome, and the application is in condition for allowance.

If there are any fees required in connection with this communication, please charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 16-0820.

Respectfully submitted,

By: 
Joseph J. Corso, Reg. No. 25845

1801 East Ninth Street
Suite 1200
Cleveland, Ohio 44114-3108

(216) 579-1700

June 5, 2007